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7PM-PLANE ATTACK; 3RD LD; A053,220

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7EDS: NEW GRAFS 1-6 SOVIET NEWS CONFERENCE

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A TOP KREMLIN GENERAL TODAY SAID A U.S. SPY PLANE RENDEZVOUSED WITH THE SOUTH KOREAN JETLINER SHOT DOWN BY A SOVIET WARPLANE AND CLAIMED THAT THE DOOMED AIRCRAFT DELIBERATELY ENTERED SOVIET AIRSPACE ON WASHINGTON'S ORDERS.

IN A RARE NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY TELEVISED OVERSEAS, SOVIET MILITARY CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. NIKOLAI V. OGARKOV TOLD FOREIGN REPORTERS THAT SOVIET DEFENSE FORCES DETECTED THE KOREAN AIR LINES BOEING 747 FLYING SIDE BY SIDE WITH AN AMERICAN RC-135 SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT NEAR A SENSITIVE SOVIET MILITARY ZONE IN THE SEA OF JAPAN.

THE ELABORATE SOVIET RESPONSE TO WORLD OUTRAGE OVER THE AIRLINE INCIDENT CAME AS THE SOVIET UNION FACED A POSSIBLE REBUKE IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND INCREASED RETALIATION ELSEWHERE FOR THE SEPT. 1 INCIDENT. ALL 269 PEOPLE ABOARD THE JETLINER ARE PRESUMED DEAD.

STANDING IN FRONT OF A DETAILED MAP, OGARKOV SAID THE SOVIET RADAR TRACKERS DETERMINED THAT THE RC-135 PEELED OFF AND FLEW BACK TOWARD ALASKA SHORTLY BEFORE THE JUMBO JET ENTERED SOVIET AIRSPACE, LEAVING THE COMMERCIAL LINER TO PROCEED ALONE.

"OBVIOUSLY THEY FELT THAT PLANE WAS BEING CONTROLLED, PRECISELY CONTROLLED, I WOULD SAY, AND THE ENTRY WAS DELIBERATE," OGARKOV SAID.

EARLIER IN MADRID, SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ CALLED THE SOVIET ACT "SHOCKING TO THE CONSCIENCE OF MANKIND."

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